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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Secretary James C. Kenney  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Harold L. Runnels Building  
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

***RE: Senate Bill 14 (Clean Fuel Standard) - Support***

Dear Secretary Kenney:

Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. (“Suburban Propane”) writes in support of Senate Bill 14, which directs the Environmental Improvement Board to develop a clean fuel standard. Suburban Propane has been serving customers for more than 90 years and is the nation’s third-largest propane retailer with operations in 41 states. In New Mexico, Suburban Propane distributes propane to over 3,500 customers, and we employ 20 people at six locations.

We support the State’s goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions. One of the most effective tools in lowering emissions is a technology-neutral clean fuel standard which embraces all low carbon fuels, instead of picking winners and losers and promoting any one industry over all others. Clean fuel standards have the added benefit of spurring innovation in developing clean energy.

The effectiveness and benefits of a technology-neutral clean fuel standard is evident in California’s highly successful Low Carbon Fuel Standard (“LCFS”) program. Since implementation, the program has led to a total reduction of 77.5 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and 4.5 billion gallons of petroleum diesel and 45.6 billion gallons of gasoline have been displaced by low-carbon alternatives.<sup>1</sup> The

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<sup>1</sup> <https://stillwaterassociates.com/californias-lcfs-is-successfully-proliferating-is-it-also-successfully-decarbonizing-transport/#:~:text=Under%20the%20LCFS%2C%20each%20fuel,to%2020%25%20reduction%20by%202030>. (accessed January 21, 2022)



LCFS has been so successful that Oregon and Washington enacted similar programs, and other states are considering their own clean fuel standards, including New York, Massachusetts, and Minnesota.

In addition to the significant reduction in carbon emissions, clean fuel standards incentivize fuel producers to innovate and develop ultra-low carbon, carbon-neutral, and even carbon-negative fuels in order to meet or exceed the annually-decreasing carbon intensity benchmark and maximize the reduction in the carbon intensity of the energy they produce.

Suburban Propane has been actively engaging in the LCFS with traditional propane and is innovating to bring the next generation of even lower carbon energy sources to market, including renewable propane, renewable dimethyl ether (“rDME”), and blends of ultra-low carbon renewable products.

We thank the New Mexico Environment Department for supporting a clean fuel standard and look forward to working with you to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state.

Sincerely,

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